(c) steps taken by Government to prevent the said disease in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government are aware of the news report in question. There was a serious enteritis epidemic in the Valley resulting in 150 deaths in the Districts of Baramula, Budgam, Kupwara, Anantnag, Pulwama and Srinagar.

(c) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir immediately sprang in action and drew up a coordinated plan of action and took various measures, such as augmenting drugs and medical supplies (including air lifting of medical supplies from Delhi), conducting laboratory and epidemiological investigations, testing samples of water, sending special teams of doctors, etc. Government of India also deputed a medical team from NICD. All these measures and regular surveillance at District level brought the disease under control.

Hiring of Home Guards by Delhi Traders

2323. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Times of India dated the 9th October, 1994 captioned "Delhi Traders hire Home Guards";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Police have reported that the Sarva Vyapar Mandal, one of the two trader associations in Chandni Chowk has hired 12 Home Guard personnel on payment of Rs. 50/- per day directly from Delhi Home Guards. For this facility, the Sarva Vyapar Mandal charges Rs. 30/- from every member of the association. These Home Guards have been divided into six groups to patrol in the market from Jain Temple to Fatehpuri Mosque from 11.00AM to 7PM. Each team is accompanied by an armed Delhi Police Constable to provide fire power, if required.

(c) The main purpose of this scheme is to deal with any emergency arising out of crime and to keep the governments clear of encroachment and to regulate traffic in the congested market area.

(d) Chandni Chowk is an extremely crowded commercial area and the home guards have been hired by the Traders Asosciation to ensure greater uniform presence in the area which the local police cannot do because of the constraints on police power and other responsibility of the police.

Formula to Resolve Uttarakhand Agitation

2324. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have worked out any formula to resolve the Uttarakhand agitation;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether Govenment propose to resolve the issue amicably; and

(d) if so, the further reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Sincere efforts are on to find a solution to the Uttarakhand issue. As this is a sensitive and delicate issue, patience, tact and farsightedness is necessary on the part of all parties involved. However, Government is not contemplating reorganisation of the present set up of States.

महिलाओं पर किए गए अत्याचारों के संबंध में शिकायत

2325. **श्रीमती आनन्दी बेन जेठाभाई पटेल:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को उत्तर प्रदेश में महिलाओं पर किए जा रहे अत्याचारों के संबंध में उत्तर-प्रदेश अनुसूचित जाति और जनजाति विकास परिषद के अध्यक्ष से कोई शिकायत मिली है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा इस शिकायत पर क्या कार्रवाही की जा रही है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद): (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Ransom Paid to Kidnappers

2326. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of kidnapping reported each month during the last four months in Delhi;

(b) how many of the victims were teenagers and school or college girls and boys; and in how many cases kidnapping was confirmed and the victims got free; and

(c) in how many cases ransom was paid before the victim was released and how many victims were found murdered/dead ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The number of cases of kidnapping reported in Delhi during the period from 1-7-94 to 31-10-94 (month wise) is as under :—

Month	Number of cases reported
July, 1994	77
August, 1994	73
September, 1994 . . .	73
October, 1994	47

(b) 195 children including teenagers, school/college going girls/boys were kidnapped in 186 confirmed cases during the above period. 133 kidnapped children have been rescued/recovered.

(c) The Delhi Police have reported that only one case has come to their notice in which the family members of kidnapped child paid a sum of rupees twenty one lakh as ransom, out of which rupees twenty lakh and sixty thousand have been recovered from the culprits.

In one case, dead body of a female child aged about 9 years was recovered from Hindon Cannal in the area of Police Station Kalyanpuri, Delhi.

Persons under security cover in Punjab

2327. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) how many persons in Punjab are still under (SPG) security cover after normalcy in Punjab has been restored;

(b) what is the number of security personnel deployed for this and the number of vehicles placed at their disposal; and

(c) what is the total expenses incurred on their security per month ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) None.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Repatriation of Absconding Criminals

2328. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the absconding criminals residing abroad are regularly giving press interviews and such interviews are regularly published in the newspapers ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such interviews are regularly given from some countries in the Middle-East;

(c) whether Government have taken such issues with Government of the countries from where the absconding criminals have given the interviews;

(d) whether Government have made any efforts for repatriating such criminals, if so the details thereof; and

(e) what is the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. One such News has come to the notice of the Government. According to the News report the interview was given from a Middle-East country.

(c) to (e) All efforts are being made to secure extradition/deportation of the absconders hiding abroad in connection with the Bombay bomb blast cases. Help of Interpol has been sought. Red Corner Notices for their arrest and detention have been got issued through Interpol. Requests for extradition/deportation have also been sent to the Governments of Pakistan and UAE. The Govt. of Pakistan has denied the presence of any absconders in Pakistan.

Withdrawal of Armed Forces Special Power Act, 1958

2329. SHRI VIZOL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Armed Forces Special Power Act, 1958 has been enforced in the North Eastern States since its inception ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government has decided to withdraw the Armed Forces Special Power Act, 1958 from the North Eastern States; and

(c) if so, by when the Act of 1958 will be withdrawn from the North Eastern States and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The Act is applicable for all the seven States of the North East. Howeever, only the following areas of the North Eastern States stand declared as disturbed areas :